

*La Peyrouse* sent to France, with his own papers, for the sake of illustrating the history of the South Sea Isles,—with various *extracts* from the *letters* of *La Peyrouse* himself, and of the companions of his voyage, which serve to confirm the narrative in the principal journal, or to enlarge it by the communication of new particulars. Charts, and other engravings, accompany and illustrate the journal, and the other communications: And a number of nautical tables close the whole, at the end.

It is true, that the INSTRUCTIONS with which LA PEYROUSE was favoured, when he set out on his voyage, are more elaborate than any which we know to have been given to the navigators, who were sent upon our British voyages of discovery. But, if all the science and intelligence of the British Nation, had been strained in one great effort, to produce the most ample and luminous papers of INSTRUCTIONS, which could be given to navigators setting out on a voyage of discovery round the world; the birth from